PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the June 17, 1996 Office action finally rejecting the pending claims, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-17, and 22-30 are pending in the application, of which claim 1 is in independent form.

Claims 1-10, 12, 24, 25, 28, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) for being anticipated by the Fall 1993 issue of *LaserPulse* and the unnumbered page entitled "4420 Laser Micro Machining System" ("4420 brochure") published by Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for being unpatentable over the Fall 1993 issue of *LaserPulse* as applied to claims 1-10, 12, 24, 25, 28, and 29 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,761,786 to Baer. Claims 13, 15, 26, 27, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for being

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